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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,235.3 million in March to $1,045.7 million in April[1], a drop of about 15 percent, reflected decreases in imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The April 1961 total was about 16 percent lower than the April 1960 total of $1,250.4 million.

The Bureau stated further that imports for consumption for the first five months of 1961, valued at $4,429.3 million, were about 13 percent less than the total of $5,077.3 million reported for the same period of 1960.

Imports of finished manufactures fell from $421.9 million in March to $366.6 million in April reflecting lower levels of imports of most of the commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these decreases were in imports of newsprint, from $62.0 to $53.2 million; burlap, from $13.0 to $8.0 million; and automobiles and parts, from $32.2 to $28.0 million. The drop in imports of semimanufactures from $265.0 to $225.1 million was partly the result of decreases in imports of copper, from $18.6 to $8.2 million; nickel and alloys, from $18.1 to $12.0 million; wood pulp, from $24.7 to $20.7 million; and fertilizers and materials, from $9.7 to $6.6 million.

During the period, imports of crude materials fell from $237.4 to $202.5 million due in part to decreases in imports of crude petroleum from $83.6 to $64.6 million, and rough or uncut diamonds from $11.3 to $6.9 million. Lower levels of imports of sugar, from $52.6 to $25.7 million and fish and shellfish (canned and prepared) from $12.0 to $9.0 million accounted for the bulk of the decrease in imports of manufactured foodstuffs, from $142.9 to $109.6 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs dropped from $168.1 to $141.8 million, reflecting decreases in imports of coffee, from $97.2 to $75.5 million and fish and shellfish (other than canned and prepared) from $15.7 to $11.9 million.

[1] See the April 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures for general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity	April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Total.....value..	1,045.7	1,235.3	1,250.4	1,221.0	1,249.5
Free.....value..	420.2	500.8	473.0	481.7	485.3
Dutiable.....value..	625.4	734.5	777.5	739.3	764.2
Crude materials.....value..	202.5	237.4	258.6	251.1	258.1
Hides and skins.....value..	5.9	7.3	7.9	5.9	7.3
Undressed furs.....value..	6.0	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.0
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	56	65	82	77	108
value..	13.5	16.0	30.5	27.2	32.2
Copra.....1,000 lb..	45,471	54,869	66,107	65,005	58,808
value..	3.0	3.7	6.4	5.3	5.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,048	13,231	12,734	13,302	12,640
value..	9.6	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.3
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	8,592	7,979	8,846	12,195	12,396
value..	0.8	0.8	0.6	2.2	2.0
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	1,477	2,848	6,164	4,550	5,740
value..	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.0
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	7,575	9,758	5,660	8,037	10,432
value..	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.7
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	18	18	16	17	21
clean content[1]..	14	14	12	13	16
value..	9.5	9.6	9.0	9.3	10.3
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	13	15	10	10	13
clean content[1]..	9	10	7	7	9
value..	8.3	9.4	8.2	7.1	8.4
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	68	111	64	110	104
value..	1.2	2.1	1.1	2.1	2.2
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	30,256	36,650	35,790	33,389	32,050
value..	64.6	83.6	79.9	74.6	72.7
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	241	174	94	114	132
value..	6.9	11.3	6.9	7.3	7.9
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	966	833	600	1,092	1,091
value..	4.9	3.7	3.4	4.3	5.2
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	1,267	1,226	2,338	2,883	2,969
value..	11.9	12.4	21.9	26.8	26.0
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	7.9	10.6	10.0	10.7	11.1
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	2,731	14,891	20,311	13,899	6,691
value..	0.8	4.3	6.0	4.1	1.9
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	42,746	12,488	22,942	23,017	22,833
value..	4.2	0.8	2.4	2.4	2.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	1,373	319	766	1,169	898
value..	3.1	0.7	1.7	2.6	1.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	72,585	66,211	122,340	76,364	72,877
value..	3.9	2.2	7.0	3.6	3.2
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	5.9	6.0	7.6	7.0	6.5
All other crude materials.....value..	28.6	32.6	28.3	28.7	31.4
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	141.8	168.1	140.3	143.5	152.0
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	36,987	43,284	35,890	45,970	45,746
value..	11.9	15.7	12.1	14.3	13.5
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	72	66	79	54	57
value..	5.2	5.1	6.9	5.2	6.8
Grains.....value..	2.6	3.2	1.9	2.8	3.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	4.4	6.9	5.6	3.8	3.5
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,064	5,138	5,314	4,749	4,476
value..	7.4	7.2	7.8	6.6	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	88	73	51	46	40
value..	19.6	16.3	13.5	11.9	13.7
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	234	295	218	243	256
value..	75.5	97.2	75.0	83.6	91.1
Tea.....1,000 lb..	8,997	10,630	9,536	9,598	9,140
value..	4.6	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.3
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	2,954	2,961	5,890	3,081	2,914
value..	1.2	1.3	3.3	1.5	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	9.5	9.9	9.7	9.2	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity		April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average	
					1960	1959
Manufactured foodstuffs	value..	109.6	142.9	138.9	130.5	133.3
Meat products	1,000 lb..	80,415	70,855	71,038	63,098	81,209
	value..	32.5	31.5	30.0	27.0	32.8
Cheese	1,000 lb..	6,621	5,610	4,738	5,262	5,322
	value..	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.6	2.6
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb..	33,145	40,510	40,176	38,300	43,444
	value..	9.0	12.0	10.5	11.1	12.3
Fodders and feeds	value..	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.7
Cane sugar	1,000,000 lb..	457	986	925	781	757
	value..	25.7	52.6	48.4	42.3	41.3
Molasses	1,000 gal..	25,499	20,540	64,203	38,264	24,449
	value..	2.8	1.7	5.4	3.4	3.1
Whisky	value..	12.4	14.5	13.4	16.0	14.8
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value..	23.1	26.6	27.3	26.9	24.8
Semimanufactures	value..	225.1	265.0	255.1	257.7	275.5
Leather	value..	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.5	4.0
Bristles	1,000 lb..	227	318	251	300	303
	value..	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6
Expressed oils, inedible	value..	2.6	3.1	5.2	4.1	4.7
Quebracho	1,000 lb..	4,723	10,133	5,923	8,189	9,285
	value..	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8
Wool semimanufactures	value..	5.0	5.2	5.5	4.8	5.2
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc	1,000,000 bd. ft..	335	340	306	327	339
	value..	24.2	24.4	24.6	25.8	28.1
Wood pulp	1,000 short tons..	168	208	183	198	203
	value..	20.7	24.7	23.5	25.4	26.2
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	23,361	23,667	20,689	20,044	19,847
	value..	51.8	53.1	44.1	42.8	42.2
Asbestos	long tons..	38,933	44,163	43,219	46,234	48,928
	value..	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Diamonds, cut but not set	1,000 carats..	47	62	56	67	76
	value..	4.4	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.2
Iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	10.6	8.8	23.1	19.4	23.2
Aluminum	value..	8.4	10.4	6.3	8.8	12.6
Copper (copper content)	1,000,000 lb..	28	64	66	81	62
	value..	8.2	18.6	20.6	25.1	18.6
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	47,958	49,248	40,679	37,346	46,556
	value..	5.6	6.7	5.5	5.3	6.2
Nickel and alloys	1,000 lb..	17,513	24,156	14,987	17,208	19,364
	value..	12.0	18.1	10.3	12.0	12.3
Tin	1,000 lb..	4,033	5,168	8,324	7,515	8,744
	value..	4.0	5.1	7.9	7.3	8.6
Zinc	1,000 lb..	16,713	30,975	16,212	20,355	27,600
	value..	1.8	3.4	2.0	2.5	2.8
Coal-tar products	value..	5.1	5.7	3.0	4.3	4.9
Industrial chemicals	value..	9.6	10.0	9.4	8.1	7.8
Fertilizers and materials	1,000 short tons..	155	241	178	124	142
	value..	6.6	9.7	7.5	5.0	5.2
All other semimanufactures	value..	36.6	42.2	42.4	41.2	49.5
Finished manufactures	value..	366.6	421.9	457.4	438.2	430.7
Leather manufactures	value..	5.8	8.4	7.5	8.3	7.0
Essential or distilled oils	value..	1.5	2.4	1.4	1.6	1.5
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq. yd..	16,477	20,868	45,824	37,908	20,080
	value..	4.1	4.7	7.6	7.0	4.3
Other cotton manufactures	value..	10.7	12.4	15.8	14.0	12.5
Burlap	1,000 yd..	55,503	100,226	64,224	73,695	80,623
	1,000 lb..	35,018	63,280	39,362	44,679	49,485
	value..	8.0	13.0	6.5	7.9	7.6
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures	value..	2.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
Wool manufactures	value..	13.6	12.6	14.2	17.4	14.3
Silk manufactures	value..	3.3	4.3	5.4	5.8	6.1
Shingles	1,000 squares..	201	199	187	188	178
	value..	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Newsprint1	1,000 short tons..	421	493	432	451	436
	value..	53.2	62.0	54.5	57.4	55.5
Other paper manufactures	value..	5.4	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.5
Pottery	value..	4.0	5.0	5.6	5.4	4.8

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APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures--Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	21.9	23.4	28.9	24.8	28.8
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	11.0	9.4	11.0	10.4	9.3
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	11.8	14.0	16.4	11.2	14.1
Automobiles and parts.....value..	28.0	32.2	72.0	52.3	70.3
Other machinery.....value..	47.2	53.8	44.6	47.1	40.0
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.5	10.2
Photographic goods.....value..	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.2
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.1
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.5	4.9
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.4	4.7
American goods returned.....value..	18.2	24.7	20.2	20.5	19.5
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	77.5	90.5	94.3	94.7	84.8
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	10.1	9.3	10.4	10.9	10.2

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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